NING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The studies on proverty are generally made from the National Sample Survey (NSS) data on consumer expenditure. The Planning Commission uses the quinquennial NSS data on consumer expenditure to estimate the incidence of poverty. The incidence of poverty for the two latest periods are estimated as 38.86% in 1987-88 and 35.97% in 1993-94.

(c) and (d) The Department of Statistics, Government of India, has sponsored and published a Study entitled "Counting the Poor" by Amaresh Dubey of North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong and Shubhashis Gangopadhyay of Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi Centre and SERFA, wherein a alternative estimates of the incidence of poverty at national and for 77 NSS Regions, separately in rural and urban areas, have been made for the years 1987-88 and 1993-94 utilising the NSS consumer expenditure data of 43rd Round (July, 1987 to June, 1988) and 50th Round (July, 1993 to June 1994) respectively. The study concludes that there has been a decline in the incidence of poverty and an improvement of the conditions of the poor in 1993-94 over that in 1987-88 at the all-India level, and in both rural and urban areas. In addition, there has been an overll Improvement in the condition of the poor as indicated by the average per-capita total expenditure of the poor, which has increased by about 3% in 1993-94 over 1987-88 at constant prices.

**Establishment of the District Rehabilitation Centres**

2569. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has received proposals from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for establishing about 10 District Rehabilitation Centres;

(b) if so, when were these proposal received;

(c) the cost of these District Rehabilitation Centres; and

(d) what are the reasons for the delay in clearing these proposals for the benefit or rehabilitating handicapped people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No Sir,

(b) to (d) Does not airse.

Review of schemes

2570. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reveiwed the performance of various on going schemes in the country;

(b) if so, the details of acheivements and short-comings observed therein. Statewise;

(c) the details of the performance of Central Sector Schemes during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the details of the projects sanctioned, funds released, actually utilised and result thereof in the above Plan; Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMNTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of achievements made by presently ongoing projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above state-wise are given in attached Statement I. (*See* below).